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"The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries" (PSALM 110: 5, 6).

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THE EIGHTY-NINTH SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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ELDER ORSON F. WHITNEY

referred to the 426th anniversary of the discovery of America, on the 12th of this month, which has been proclaimed by the President of the United States as Liberty Loan day. He said he desired to speak of this because of the many things the discovery of America foreshadowed in connection with the fulfilment of the Lord's purposes. He spoke of Columbus sailing westward and how the great navigator thought he had discovered a short route to India. The name which Columbus gave to the inhabitants of this continent—Indians—is a misnomer, but Columbus never knew his mistake.

Then Elder Whitney gave an account of the true origin of the aborigines, from the Book of Mormon, and read passages from that volume recorded centuries before Columbus sailed westward, which foretold the discovery of this land and the establishment of this great nation. As he read, Elder Whitney commented and showed how the allusions of Nephi coincide exactly with the history of this land since its discovery by Columbus. This land was to be a favored land, the Prophet Nephi said, if the inhabitants served the Lord. There should be no king here, and all who fight against Zion (the land of America) should perish. All this was contingent on obedience to the commandment of God. Elder Whitney read from a lecture wherein is shown the rise, decay and fall of peoples and nations in the history of the world. Shall this be true of America? he asked. The real glory of America is to be something higher. The lecturer believed there

is another destiny for this land. New forms of government, new experiments in economy and social development, freedom of religion are here, but only as America fulfills her mission shall she survive. She must not only give the world new material things, but something new morally and spiritually, some power to save.

So much for the learned author of the lecture, said Elder Whitney, and he remarked that he supposed the scholar he had quoted would think it presumptuous on the part of an elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to say that "Something new" has already come. America has fulfilled, so far, her destiny. She has brought forth the Church of Jesus Christ; she has fostered under her protecting laws the little stone cut out of the mountain without hands and in her bounds has been established the Kingdom of God. She is now repaying her debt. She has crossed the ocean and has rediscovered herself, to give that same liberty to all lands; and it is fitting that members of this Church should take their part with this great government in fighting the great conflict that shall make way for the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

ELDER DAVID O. MCKAY.

The next speaker was Elder David O. McKay. He quoted a stanza of the hymn, "The Gentile fulness now comes in and Israel's blessings are at hand * * * Jehovah speaks, let earth, give ear and Gentile nations turn and live."

This day was prophesied of, said Elder McKay, more than 2,000 years ago, and he quoted from Nephi, where that prophet foretold the gathering of Israel in the last dispensation and tried to persuade his people to serve the Lord. Elder McKay said he hoped he might impress upon the youth of the Church the necessity of pausing in the midst of present-day revelry and trying to comprehend the significance of the world changes now taking place, and measure them by the standard of the truths of the gospel. God's hand is shaping the destiny of the nations, he said; if a sparrow cannot fall without God's taking note, how can a nation escape the all-seeing eye? The prophet saw Israel scattered, a hiss and a by-word, "but when the day cometh that they no longer turn aside their heart against the Redeemer." then shall God remember them. "Note the words," said Elder McKay. "It is not said they must proclaim acceptance of Jesus as the Christ before God will remember them, but 'when they no longer turn aside their hearts against the Redeemer.'" The speaker asked: Is it not true that the Jews no longer would crucify the Savior, and is not the prophecy being fulfilled that God is remembering them? And the change has come in recent years.

Elder McKay spoke of how God works to bring about fulfilment of prophecy. Granted that the Allies did not realize they were fulfilling prophecy—the capture of Jerusalem in this great war

was a modern strategic movement to protect the Suez canal—but none the less the purposes of God were being wrought. Once the youth of Israel realize that what is happening is in fulfilment of God's plans, and realize it with all their hearts, they will turn aside from revelry, from luke-warmness in their faith and will, on their own part, fulfil their destiny, to show the world the fruits of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

ELDER ANTHONY W. IVINS

said the gospel of Jesus Christ did not have its origin with the advent of the Savior on earth. There have always been two schools of philosophy regarding the redemption and salvation of the souls of men. One would save man's soul whether he would or not, taking from him his free agency; the other was that man should have his free agency and work out his own salvation. Of the latter, Christ is the great leader and exponent; of the former, the anti-Christ. These two ideas have been in conflict in the history of the world. In working out the one, governments have arisen that rule by force, without giving the people any voice, the other sees its exemplification in the setting up of free governments by the people themselves. John the Revelator warns the world, said Elder Ivins, that the anti-Christ would make a supreme effort to overthrow the system set up under the directing spirit of the Christ. Elder Ivins said it is unnecessary to remind thoughtful people that the power of anti-Christ has arisen in the world and is making its last stand. The Teutons, in many respects among the most civilized people on earth, are, by following their rulers, playing the role in this great program, against the powers of light and truth. Their leaders speak the words of the anti-Christ and if they prevail, the existence of Christianity in the world would be impossible and God's purposes could not be brought about.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Noticeably improved and stronger. President Joseph F. Smith presided at the Saturday afternoon session of the conference; and as the congregation arose when he entered the stand, he gave a slight salute and smiling acknowledgment of the reverent honor.

ELDER JOSEPH F. SMITH, JR.,

read the word of the Lord in the Doctrine and Covenants, calling upon mankind to repent, to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. Elder Smith dwelt upon the principles of faith, repentance and obedience to the gospel plan. The Lord has revealed the necessary articles and principles of faith, he said, by which mankind may learn by study and prayer the will of the Lord.

Elder Smith said there is a lying spirit abroad. In his travels through the stakes, he said, there had come to his ears an account

of a purported revelation given to President Smith, said to deal with great events about to transpire among the nations of the world. He had also heard, he went on, whisperings of a vision or revelation given to the Prophet Joseph Smith, and withheld till now from being made known. He had been asked about these purported revelations; he had absolutely and unqualifiedly denied them and had warned the people then, as he does now in general conference, that any revelation the Lord has for His people will not spring up in obscure places under surreptitious circumstances, but will come through proper channels.

Elder Smith said he has also heard of a woman in one of the stakes of Zion, who is said to claim she has received a revelation for the guidance of the Church. That, too, said Elder Smith, is contrary to the method of God's dealings with His people. Revelation for the Church will not come through any unauthorized channel.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH,

when Elder Joseph F. Smith, Jr., had concluded, said he felt again to add his affirmation to something a conference speaker had said. He wished to deny the absurd rumor that he had received the purported revelation referred to. He said the reported revelation was supposed to be in French and, he said, he does not know more than half a dozen words of French. He added that if the Lord should at any time in his providence see fit to reveal anything to him for the guidance of the Church, he will take counsel with his brethren and make it known to the whole Church. "Remember this," said President Smith, "and do not be led away by these silly, absurd rumors." Speaking also of the purported vision or revelation given to the Prophet Joseph Smith and withheld, he said that this report was equally silly and absurd.

ELDER JAMES E. TALMAGE

said that in the affairs of man the authority of man is recognized, but in the affairs of God, the acts of His authorized servants only are valid. Jesus arraigned the Pharisees for their hypocritical traditions.

God does all things timely, said the speaker. Fifty years ago, twenty years ago, a decade ago, to attempt to root up the weed of autocracy would have imperiled the wheat of democracy, but now, in God's due time, it is being done.

God never changes His decrees, said Elder Talmage. The Church may adapt itself to changing times, but never is a fundamental truth changed. The true Church is no sect; when established in this dispensation it was a restoration, and God said it never should be taken away or thrown down.

Let men regulate the affairs of men, said Elder Talmage, but

no legislature, no lawmaking body can make laws for the life beyond the grave. It is so in the marriage relation. Man says "Till death do you part." The law of God extends into eternity and with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, marriage, performed under the law of God, is an eternal institution and not a ceremony for this life only.

ELDER STEPHEN L. RICHARDS

said the doctrines of the Church can save the souls of men only as they find application in the lives of the people. He said he has wondered how the truths proclaimed at conference can best be brought to all the people. He sees comparatively few young men at conference, but there are thousands within the Church who are not here, and other millions who so sorely need these great truths incorporated in their lives. Therefore, said Elder Richards, he suggests that when the older members of the Church who have been present at conference go back to their homes, they shall impart these great truths to the young people who have not been present. He said the quorums of the priesthood and the auxiliary organizations can be used now to advantage as never before. "Right here among the children of God," said Elder Richards, "is the nucleus of truth that must spread first over our own nation and then into every corner of the world."

Sunday Morning.

Dark skies overshadowed the city Sunday morning, with just a suggestion of rain, as the vast throngs surged into the Tabernacle for conference at ten o'clock, but the attendance seemed in no wise diminished. Every available seat in the big auditorium was filled, and improvised conveniences were provided to seat the many in excess of the number that could be accommodated by the normal capacity of the building.

President Joseph F. Smith presided. He remarked that there are forty-two members of the Tabernacle choir, many of them among the best singers of the organization, in the service of the United States.

ELDER RICHARD R. LYMAN

was the first speaker. The reason Latter-day Saints do not weary of meeting together often and hearing the same truths expounded over and over again, he said, is that the gospel of Jesus Christ is a classic, and a classic is something that grows more valuable and sweeter with repetition. What are the Saints struggling for? Elder Lyman asked. The answer is in the hymn: "Thus unto eternal perfection the honest and faithful will go." It has been said that perhaps some Latter-day Saints are not prayerful enough, he went on. The Saints should pray because they are clothed upon with mortality and have weaknesses to overcome. Confer-

ence will not be a success if the Saints leave, saying only: "How well the brethren have spoken!" They should leave the conference with bowed heads, thinking, pondering, studying what has been said and with a firm resolve to apply the teachings in life.

Elder Lyman read from a current publication a copy of a letter written by a father to his soldier-son. The father was not a Latter-day Saint, said Elder Lyman, but he preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ, for he says to his son, "My boy, hold fast to the good old Anglo-Saxon ideal of personal chastity." The father closed: "Son, let me whisper a secret. While it has tickled my vanity to know that you have been pleased with my successes in life, I know, and you must know, that you, my son, are my only real success * * * Remember, there are a thousand things worse than death."

PATRIARCH HYRUM G. SMITH,

presiding patriarch of the Church, was the next speaker. God, like other natural fathers, he said, is grieved when He hears His children cry in distress and He is grieved when He sees His children suffer because of their sins and disobedience. The Lord says He cannot look upon sin with any degree of allowance, but He makes it plain that He will forgive those who repent.

The Lord, said Elder Smith, has organized the Church with precision; each, from the highest to the lowest in authority, knows his place and his duty. Each one performs the duty to which he is called, not because he holds the authority, but because he has been appointed. An elder has the authority and office to preach the gospel abroad and administer in its ordinances, but he does not take this labor upon himself for the Church until he has been called and appointed to his mission by the Church. There is order in all things, said Elder Smith, and this is the order of the Kingdom of God.

PRESIDING BISHOP C. W. NIBLEY

said he sees nothing but good ahead for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is increasing in numbers and in faith and good works. Surely, he said, this is a day when faith is needed; for thrones are tottering and there is great turmoil in the world.

Bishop Nibley spoke briefly of the successive Church administrations, showing how the Church has grown under each. During the seventeen years—or nearly so—that President Joseph F. Smith has presided over the Church, it has doubled in membership and has more than doubled in material wealth, he said. Progress and good are ahead; and why not? he asked. It is the work of the Lord, and the Lord's work does not retrograde. There is no appreciable difference, the speaker said, between the mind of man to-day and 4,000 years ago. Man to-day in some respects is as

depraved as 4,000 years ago. The wonderful inventions of science are the result of inspiration of the Almighty, because God is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh. In accord with His purposes the Lord has given these things to mankind in these last days and His is the credit, not man's. Is it a mere coincidence that they have practically all been given since the Church was established in these the last days? No, said Bishop Nibley; it is all in accord with God's plans. Let Latter-day Saints realize that God overrules all things and that they should order their lives in accordance with His will.

Liberty Loan Subscription.

President Joseph F. Smith said it is known that the Church has already subscribed an aggregate of $500,000 to past Liberty Loan issues, and he then proposed that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints subscribe $250,000 to the Fourth Liberty Loan. His motion was seconded, and he called for a vote of the Church in conference assembled. There was not a dissenting vote, and President Smith said the Church will subscribe the amount mentioned. He regretted, he said, that the financial calls on the Church from regular sources made it impossible to subscribe more.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

DISTINGUISHED-CONDUCT MEDAL.

THE following letter to one of our brethren of the Hyde branch, Manchester conference, Private H. Smith, Manchester regiment, tells its own story:

"For gallantry and devotion to duty on August 30th, 1918, west of Runcourt. Noticing that all the members of a Lewis gun team in the most advanced position had become casualties, and the gun in danger of falling into the hands of the enemy, Private Smith, with the utmost disregard of his own safety, advanced through a heavy artillery barrage, and intense machine gun fire, and succeeded in bringing in the gun. He afterwards returned, still under heavy fire, and brought in the wounded Lewis gunners. His courage and devotion to duty throughout the operations set a fine example to all ranks.

"A. Solly Ford, Major-General, Commanding Division."

THERE is a stability of understanding which arises from stability of character, for which reason a vigorous mind and vigorous character often go hand in hand. Remembering these things we shall realize the wisdom in these words of Christ: "Every one that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."

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EDITORIAL.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH CALLED HOME.

On Tuesday, November 19th, the news was flashed around the world that Joseph Fielding Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, passed away, on that date, in his home in Salt Lake City, Utah. On the 22nd of November, the sad news was confirmed in a cablegram to President George F. Richards, of the European mission, from the President's Office, signed by Presidents Anthon H. Lund and Charles W. Penrose.

It has been known that for the last few months, in fact, ever since the sudden death of his son, Elder Hyrum M. Smith, his health has not been good, but he was able to attend the October conference of the Church, and it was thought that he was growing stronger. However, God has now called him to another sphere, and his attendance at the October conference, this year, will be remembered as his last public appearance among the saints, while in mortality.

The Latter-day Saints will feel his departure as a great loss, and the thought that he is no longer with them, to lead and guide Israel in its onward progress on this side of the deep, dark river, will cause sadness, especially among those who were personally acquainted with him. But they will not mourn as those do who have no hope. They know that he has fought and won the victory, and that he has left them, only to go and receive his glorious reward. They rejoice because he has been honorably released, to return home, after many years of ardent, faithful labor in the Master's service. They will thank God, from the bottom of their hearts, for the mission President Smith performed in mortality—for the doctrines he taught, the advice he gave, the example he set, the testimony he bore, the services he rendered, and for his devotion to the welfare of Zion and of all mankind.

President Joseph Fielding Smith was born at the city of Far West, Missouri, November 13th, 1838. His parents were Hyrum Smith, the beloved brother of the Prophet Joseph, and Mary Fielding, a native of England.

The infant Joseph came to this earthly sphere at a time when the young Church suffered persecution for the testimony of Jesus, as did the primitive Church, after the departure of the Master.

Only a few days previous to his birth, his father, together with the Prophet and other leading brethren had been betrayed into

the hands of an armed mob that would have murdered them, but for the timely interference of General Alexander W. Doniphan, to whose memory the State of Missouri has recently raised a monument.

President Smith's childhood was spent amid scenes of cruel and unjust persecution, which culminated in the martyrdom of his father and the Prophet Joseph at Carthage, June 27th, 1844.

Two years afterwards, his mother left Nauvoo, and wended her way toward Salt Lake Valley. Joseph was only eight years old at that time, but he drove an ox-team for his mother across the State of Iowa, and thus began his training in the hard school of experience, which ultimately made him so well equipped for his exalted position during the latter part of his life. In 1848, at the age of ten years, he drove two yokes of oxen, attached to a heavily loaded wagon, across the plains from Missouri River, more than a thousand miles, and arrived with his mother in Salt Lake Valley, on September 23rd, that year.

At the age of fifteen, he was called to go on a mission to the Sandwich Islands. Parley P. Pratt, who set him apart for that mission, was led to declare that he would receive a knowledge of the Hawaiian language "by the gift of God as well as by study," and this promise was literally fulfilled, for in less than four months he was able to speak the native tongue sufficiently to begin his missionary labors.

During his mission, he had the gift of healing to a remarkable degree. One instance may be related. On one occasion he sojourned with a native family, and the woman in the house was suddenly seized by an evil spirit. She went through all manner of hideous contortions. Her husband was overcome with fear, and trembled as a leaf in the wind. The young missionary was also seized with fear at first, but soon he felt the power of the Holy Spirit upon him, and he rose to his feet and, in the name of the Lord, commanded the evil spirit to depart. The woman fell to the floor as one dead, but presently she recovered, and the evil spirit had left her.

Elder Smith continued his mission in the Islands until the fall of 1857, when he and other elders were released, to return home. He arrived in Salt Lake City, February 24th, 1858, having been absent about three years and nine months.

At the April conference, 1860, Elder Joseph F. Smith, who by this time had been ordained a High Priest, was called on a mission to Great Britain. He left for this field of labor in company with his cousin, Samuel H. B. Smith, and arrived in Liverpool June 14th, 1860. While in England, he traveled in various conferences. He returned home in 1863. But he was not to enjoy the peace and quietude of home very long, for in 1864 he was called to take a second mission to Hawaii, from which he returned during the winter of 1864-5.

On February 28th, 1874, Joseph F. Smith started on his second mission to Great Britain. Since July 1st, 1866, he had been a member of the Council of the Twelve, and he came to Great Britain the second time, in order to preside over the European mission. He visited the Scandinavian countries, Germany, Switzerland, and France, as well as the conferences in the British mission, and his labors were attended with great success. He was released in 1875, soon after the death of President George A. Smith, and, on his return home, he was appointed President of the saints in Davis county. In 1877, he was called to his third mission to Great Britain. While he was here, Elder Orson Pratt came to Liverpool to publish new editions of the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants. At the time of the death of President Brigham Young, in 1877, he was released to return home.

In October, 1880, Elder Joseph F. Smith was chosen second counselor to President John Taylor. While holding this position, he performed another successful mission to the Sandwich Islands. It was during this mission that he obtained an exact copy of the old Spaulding manuscript, which proved the fallacy of the story that the Book of Mormon is but a version of that literary effort of a somewhat feeble intellect.

Elder Smith was also second counselor to President Wilford Woodruff, and first counselor to President Lorenzo Snow, whom he succeeded as the President of the Church, October 17th, 1901.

The departed filled many other positions during his long and busy career in mortality. He was an efficient member of the Salt Lake Municipal council for several terms. For seven consecutive terms he served in the Territorial House of Representatives, and two terms in the council branch of the Utah legislature. He was connected with many important business institutions and for years he was one of the directors of the Union Pacific railroad system.

We have already stated that President Smith attended the October conference, this year. The joy of the Saints assembled, on his appearance in the pulpit in the Tabernacle, and the mark of respect they showed him, were a beautiful testimony to the affectionate esteem in which he was held by all. When he came up the rear of the pulpit, the organist struck a mighty chord and the vast congregation arose and stood at reverential attention. They could have done no more had a mighty prince appeared in their midst. And the late President of the Church was, indeed, a prince in Israel.

Of the personal character of the departed standard-bearer of the Church, it would be impossible to speak too highly. He was a man of God, in every sense of the word. He loved truth and righteousness passionately, and he was absolutely fearless in the defense of the right. In his private life he was all that a good father and loving, faithful husband could be, and in his public career he was a shining example of integrity and devotion to

duty. He was sympathetic, generous, and strong. His whole life was an open book to the world, and a testimony to the ennobling, sanctifying influence of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Church will miss him at public gatherings. But there will be no interruption of the great work in which the saints are engaged. The presidency, at the death of the President, devolves upon the Twelve, until the vacancy can be filled. The Lord has so ordained it. In His Church there can be no scramble for office, no partisan competition, no campaign for positions. The organization is so perfect, so complete, that the work goes on, though the servants of the Lord, each in his turn, are released from their duties and called home. Elder Heber J. Grant is the President of the Council of the Twelve, and upon him, in association with the other members of the Council, the duties of presidency now devolve. And he will have the support, the love and affection, and the prayers of the saints, as his predecessors have had.

J. M. S.

MINUTES OF THE SCOTTISH CONFERENCE.

THE semi-annual Scottish conference was held on Sunday, November 17th, 1918, in Masonic Temple, 30 Abbotsford Place, S. S., Glasgow. President George F. Richards of the European Mission; President Leslie T. Harper and Elders Ivin Hoggan (incoming from Bristol conference), and William D. McAlister (departing for Nottingham conference), of the Scottish conference, were in attendance. President Leslie T. Harper conducted all the meetings.

The morning session commenced at 10:30 by singing the hymn, "Come, ye children of the Lord." Prayer by Elder Ivin Hoggan. Singing, "We meet again in Sabbath school." President Leslie T. Harper welcomed all to the conference. The sacrament hymn, "Arise, my soul, arise," was sung. The sacrament gem was recited by the children, led by Sister Catherine M. Rae. Brothers F. L. Newton and Donald McDonald administered the Sacrament, assisted by Brothers Thomas Hunter, Malcolm Hunter, and Andrew B. McGowan.

An interesting and instructive program, consisting of appropriate Scripture selections, songs, recitations, and brief talks, was very ably rendered by the children of the Glasgow Sunday-school.

Elder Ivin Hoggan said it gave him much happiness to come to the land of his forefathers—Scotland—as a "Mormon" missionary. He encouraged the children to work hard, to come to Sunday-school and to obey their teachers, so that they will grow to be useful and righteous men and women.

President George F. Richards, in addressing the congregation, commented upon the interesting and instructive program rendered by the children. The Savior, he said, is the great prototype or

exemplar for mankind. His two great commandments, to love God and our neighbors, are the basic commandments upon which the plan of salvation is founded. The Savior bore the sins of all the world, and we should be willing to do what He wishes us to do. He expects us to be willing to do as much as He has done. Those who are not willing to lay down their lives for Christ, or for a friend, are not worthy of being Christ's disciples. If we are willing to lay down our lives, we should be willing to keep all His commandments. President Richards, questioning the children, found that all were keeping the Word of Wisdom, obeying the Lord in that particular. Those who do not keep the Word of Wisdom are disobedient. We should chance losing our lives, to save the lives of others, for that is true love. This is the true love of our Savior. President Richards read the hymn, "A poor wayfaring man of grief," and from it he drew a beautiful and impressive illustration of what we should be and do. Let us seek opportunity to apply that lesson in our lives, he said. Do not go only half way, like many who died and were ready to die for the gospel, but did not live for it, did not keep God's commandments. Unless we are willing to live and die for the gospel, we are unworthy of being disciples of the Master.

Closing hymn, "Scatter seeds of kindness," was sung. Prayer by Sister Jane C. Rennie.

The afternoon session commenced at 2 o'clock, by singing the hymn, "The day-dawn is breaking." Prayer by President George F. Richards. Continued by singing, "Zion prospers, all is well."

The names of the general and local Church authorities were presented by Elder William D. McAlister. All were unanimously sustained.

Brother John Cook, a member of the Church for upwards of fifty years, bore a strong testimony to the truth of "Mormonism."

Brother Malcolm Hunter expressed regrets at falling sick, which necessitated his leaving the mission field. He bore his testimony.

President Leslie T. Harper, in addressing the congregation, called attention to the fact that the wisdom of men had failed. He illustrated this by referring to the present world-conditions. We must rely upon God, he said, not man. The gospel is the only plan that will bring peace and happiness to the world. The speaker gave abundant and convincing scriptural proof of the authenticity of the Book of Mormon.

The congregation sang the hymn, "When the mists have cleared away."

President George F. Richards declared that the Book of Mormon is a marvelous work. The coming forth of that book fulfilled so many prophecies that men and women cannot close their eyes against it and be justified by the Lord. In spite of religious de-

nominations with their learned men, the world cannot prove "Mormonism" to be anything but what it claims to be. The wisdom of the wise men is perishing to-day. The Lord chose Joseph Smith, an unlearned boy, to accomplish His great work. He has never had to change the ordinances he instituted or the commandments he gave. All are in complete harmony with the Scriptures. He was schooled and educated, not by the colleges of the world but by direct inspiration of God. Joseph Smith, like Abraham, Jeremiah, and others, was chosen before the foundation of the world to accomplish His great work, that of ushering in the greatest of all dispensations—the dispensation of the fulness of times. A Church that does not teach the fulness of the gospel is an abomination. The speaker, further, set forth many of Christ's doctrines which are not taught by the popular Christian religions, yet are necessary. Those who preach any other gospel, he said, than that of Jesus Christ, the same will be accursed, because false teaching tends to defeat God's plans among the children of men. If Joseph Smith was an imposter, he could not have accomplished the great work he did accomplish. The Latter-day Saints can say for a certainty that those things are true. President Richards, throughout his discourse, quoted abundant and convincing Scriptural proof for all his statements.

The session closed by singing the hymn, "Sunshine in the soul." Prayer by Elder William D. McAlister.

The evening session commenced by singing the hymn, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning." Prayer by Brother John Hunter. Continued by singing, "Let us all press on."

Elder Wm. D. McAlister said that throughout his mission in Scotland, he had tried to keep as his standard the parting words of his mother and father: "William, in this life never do anything you will be ashamed to tell your mother and your father," and, "William, remember always to be the missionary, the man your mother and your father are praying for you to be and are expecting you to be." He then showed the unreliability of public opinion, the only thing against "Mormonism."

Elder Ivin Hoggan declared "Mormonism" to be no new doctrine. It is older than the earth, he said. It began in the heavens before the earth was created. The speaker traced the gospel down through the different ages of the world. It was established again by Christ during His sojourn on earth. Through unrighteousness of the people, the Gospel was taken away from the earth. Prophecy and ecclesiastical history support the fact that there was an apostasy. The "Mormons" are the recipients of the gospel of Christ restored by heavenly messengers, with all its gifts and blessings.

Singing, "Dear to the heart of the Shepherd."

President George F. Richards, the concluding speaker, said the Latter-day Saints may be a peculiar people to the world to-day;

but they are not to the primitive saints. One of our distinctive teachings is the Godhead. Jesus Christ is God's Son, and God is, like Him, a personage of flesh and bones. The Holy Ghost is a spirit without a tabernacle. They are three separate and distinct personalities. In support of this knowledge, the speaker quoted passages of Scripture and referred to noted Biblical authorities. God is a glorified and exalted man. "As man is, God once was; and as God is, man may become." The body we lay down, he said, will be resurrected an immortal body of flesh and bones. We do not believe in the unreasonable and inconsistent oneness of the Godhead, as set forth in the Catechism, but rather the oneness set forth in John 17: 20-21. Another distinctive teaching is the answer to the question, "What shall I do to be saved?" We give the same answer as the primitive saints. We preach an enduring faith in Jesus as the Christ, repentance, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, and laying on of hands, for the gift of the Holy Ghost. Prominent Biblical scholars were quoted, who declared that this was the proper answer. Again we believe in a loving and just God, not one who consigns men to a furnace of everlasting punishment or torment. God's punishment is everlasting, but only in the sense that it will always exist for the disobedient. God is everlasting; therefore His punishment will be everlasting. But the punishment itself in each individual case ends when the penalty has been paid by the offender. The gospel is a worthy investment, even if we lose everything in this world.

The session closed by singing the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again." Prayer by Brother William A. Lucas.

On Saturday evening, at 7: 45 o'clock, a lady-missionary and priesthood meeting was held in Masonic Temple. Following a report by the presiding officers of the Glasgow branch, of the good work done, President George F. Richards gave many interesting and valuable instructions. President Harper and Elder Ivin Hoggan also spoke.

WILLIAM D. MCALISTER, Clerk of Conference.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Branch Conference.—A branch conference was held at Bolton, Manchester conference, on Sunday, November 17th, 1918. The Sunday-school rendered an interesting program in the afternoon, this being conducted by Superintendent John Risely. President William Partington spoke at night and welcomed all. Other speakers were Elders Frederick G. Day and John Risely.

Lady Missionaries.—Lady missionaries have been set apart recently in the British mission, as follows:

Leeds conference—Elizabeth Clapham, Mary Jane Whitaker, Alice Tomlin, Florence Balme, and Eva Race; London conference—Mabel R. Wood; Manchester conference—Florence Howarth, Alice Howarth, Alice Marcroft, Annie Dalton, Sarah Hyde, and Emmie Mullock; and Newcastle conference—Jane Ann Poulson, and Clara Thompson.

In Memoriam.—Sister M. Hunter, president of the Glasgow branch Relief Society of the Church, in a recent meeting of that organization, feelingly referred to the departure from this life of Sister Ida B. Smith, in Salt Lake City, whose missionary work as President of the Relief Societies in the European Mission will long be remembered by the Latter-day Saints. Thereupon all present, by a standing vote, expressed their respect and love for the departed sister, and their sympathy for those dear ones who are feeling the irreparable loss of a beloved mother, a wise counselor, and a true friend.

Transfers.—Elders of the British mission have been transferred to other conferences recently, as follows:

Ether L. Marley from the Leeds to the Norwich conference, November 1st; Frederick G. Day from the Hull to the Manchester conference, November 5th; Charles A. Welchman from the London to the Nottingham conference, November 8th; Arnold G. Holland from the Norwich to the Hull conference, November 5th; State England from the Nottingham to the Birmingham conference, November 12th; Ivin Hoggan from the Bristol to the Scottish conference, November 15th; Robert W. Cluff from the Birmingham to the Bristol conference, November 15th; and William D. McAlister from the Scottish to the Nottingham conference, November 18th, 1918.

Socials.—The Sunderland branch, of the Newcastle conference, assembled at the Latter-day Saints Hall, Tunstall Road, where a social was held under the direction of the Mutual Improvement Association, on Wednesday evening, November 13th, 1918. President Roger Howey had charge during the evening, which was pleasingly spent in the usual manner, to the enjoyment of saints and friends of the branch. The hall, being beautifully decorated in the national colors, presented an appropriate appearance in commemoration of the historical event which took place on November the 11th, 1918. Refreshments were served.

On Monday night, November 4th, 1918, the Rochdale branch saints, Manchester conference, tendered a farewell party to Lady Missionaries Ada Duxbury and Lillian Pickersgill. These sisters were presented with a book each, as a token of esteem. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

DIED.

WARREN.—President Stephen H. Winter reports the death of Brother John Warren, who died on October 1st, 1918. He was brought up among the Plymouth Brethren, but on hearing of the gospel, through the Elders, tracting, he became a member of the Church, and until a few years before his death, he was an energetic and faithful worker, being the leader of the work in South Devonshire, where he was taken ill with a complication of diseases. For the last few years he was confined to the bed and, finally, succumbed to his illness. He was buried at his home in Torquay, Devonshire. He was born February 21st, 1856, at Avonwich, South Devonshire, England. He died at Exminster, Devonshire. He was baptized February 7th, 1908, by Elder James A. Crogun, and was confirmed February 9th, 1908, by Elder Jesse Pocock. He was ordained an Elder, September 2nd, 1912, by Elder J. E. Salisbury.

TENNY.—At Morley, near Leeds, of heart trouble, after an operation, on October 18th, 1918, Sister Annie Ellis Tenny. She was baptized and confirmed on November 11th, 1899, by Elders W. E. Purdy and S. M. Kershaw, respectively. Sister Tenny was 62 years old at the time of her decease.

PROFFITT.—On October 21st, 1918, Violette Maude Proffitt, at the Prince of Wales Hospital, London, of bronchial pneumonia. She was baptized October 27th, 1917, by Elder James Gunn McKay, and confirmed by Elder William T. Hawkes. Funeral services were held at Deseret and the Tottenham Cemetery. A mother and two brothers survive her.

WHITEHOUSE.—At Penistone, Sheffield conference, Oct. 27th, 1918, of influenza, Ruth, the five-year-old daughter of Brother and Sister Daniel Whitehouse. The funeral services were conducted by the elders of the Sheffield conference.

SIDNEY.—October 29th, 1918. Sister Emily Ann Sidney, of the Norwich branch, Norwich conference. Deceased was born February 28th, 1845; was baptized and confirmed July 19th, 1914, by Elder James D. Thorne. Sister Sidney retained a firm and abiding testimony to the last.

SANDFORD.—Ada Nora Zabel Sandford, on Friday, November 8th, 1918, at Darlington, Newcastle conference. She was born on June 24th, 1913, and blessed on July 13th, 1913, by Elder Victor E. Gilbert. Deceased had an illness of nearly three years. Death came as a relief to the little sufferer.

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